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Attached please find the response to the office action dated August 16, 2002 for application No. 09/668,042, QUICK-MOUNT AND PIVOT BASE FOR BICYCLE SEAT OR THE LIKE

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 16, 2002, in the above-captioned application. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), please substitute for pending claim 1 the following clean version of the amended claim. The changes to claim 1 are shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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1. (Three Times Amended) A quick release/connection arrangement for a seat, comprising:  
a seat receiving structure having a pair of latching portions, each of said pair being adapted to receive one of a pair of elongate members which form part of a frame of the seat;  
each of said pair of latching portions having a forward latching portion, a rearward latching portion and an intermediate region therebetween, said forward and rearward latching portions being adapted to support said elongate member from below and to secure said elongate member in at least one horizontal direction;

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